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Your Honor:

My hope is that the courts will settle this law suit between Microsoft the the Justice Department. Microsoft has been a leader in the software industry for years through hard work, dedicated employees, excellent marketing skills, brilliant leaders, and hugh risks. They were lucky that the risks paid off and rewarded.

Please don't punish Microsoft because they happen to be the first and best in this new age of technology. The recent rash of dot.com businesses showed that this entire field is still evolving. Unfortunately many dot.coms failed. These failed businesses did not make it for various reasons, inexperienced management, inability to turn a profit, obscure ideas, risky ventures, and many other reasons. Microsoft took many of these same risks in the beginning. They also could have failed but a little bit of luck along with brilliance not a violation of the Sherman act made them succeed.

As Darwin proved in his theories with nature only the strongest survive. Microsoft has become the strongest and they have survived not through illegal practices but through hard work and risk.

I do not work for Microsoft nor do any of my immediate relatives. I do not say these things for an immediate financial payoff. I say these things because Microsoft is good for Washington State and good for the Nation. I believe that our Nations current financial crisis can be linked directly to the original court ruling Spring 1999.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions.

Sincerely,  
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